amounts due to them and much hardship was the result. He requested that this information might be furnished in the notices in future and that such sums might be ordered to be returned, on the receipt of the parties or their pleaders on the back of the summonses.

Mr. G. Sankaranarayana Iyer (*Shencottah*) requested that as in British India unspent amounts of witness-batta, &c., might be returned to the parties without a formal order.

Reply.—As regards return of money on receipts, this is being now done in practice and any specific transgression may be brought to the notice of the presiding officer. If there is any general difficulty, the High Court will see what could be done. As for the names of parties being also shown in the notices, this will be done if deemed practicable.

96. Publication of a daily notice giving particulars of unexpended batta in courts.

Mr. N. Narayanan Karthavu (*Shertallay*) observed that if in every court a notice could be published day after day giving particulars regarding unspent batta to witnesses, &c., this would enable the parties to know the amount, date and other matters concerning them and they could easily obtain the sums due to them.

Reply.—It is impossible to publish a daily notice. Whether a notice could be published quarterly will be considered.

97. What amount has been realized by Government under the item of batta for the issue of processes in the Judical department?

Mr. Varkey Oothuppu (*Ettumanur*) solicited this information for 1080.

Reply.—The net income for 1080 was Rs. 30,000.

98. Payment of batta to witnesses appearing in obedience to summonses in criminal cases whether examined on the day of attendance or not.

Mr. Narayanan Jatavedar Namburipad (*Muvattupuzha*) requested that witnesses appearing in criminal cases in obedience to summonses might be paid their batta irrespective of the question whether they were examined on the day of appearance or not.

Reply.—Elaborate rules have been passed on 1st June 1894 regarding the payment of batta to complainants and witnesses covering

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly